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THIS MEETING

Date: Thursday - August 28, 1998
Time: 7:30 PM
Program: Video on Yeasu equipment.

Place: Redemption Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
4057 N. Mayfair Rd. (Use the south entrance)

Handicapped accessible.

Please! DON'T call the Church for information!!!

Material (Articles or pictures) for next Chatter
Due: September 1st

Prez Stuff for August

First some formalities, thanks to Mark Bye, KB9LDX, for stepping in for the 1 year remaining on the term of director for Matt Planning who moved up to 1st Vice-President. Matt seems to be doing a good job judging by the July meeting by Gary N9UUR on AMSAT (thanks to Gary too). If you missed the meeting, you missed a very informative program.

We have been lax in recognizing people who work for the club. Over the coming months we will setup official committees for club tasks. We need people to serve on them. Some jobs already have people involved and hopefully they will continue. Some have people involved who would like to retire their position. Some need volunteers badly. Anyone interested in participating on the following committees (in no particular order):

Meeting Refreshments

Meeting logistics (badges, raffles, chair setup/take down, etc.)

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DAY	TIME	MHZ	ACTIVITY
Daily	6-8 AM	14.290	Wisconsin/Florida Net (SSB)
Daily	6:30 PM	3.645	Wis. Slow Speed CW Traffic Net
MON-FRI	8:30 AM	3.965	After Breakfast Club (SSB)
MON	8:00 PM	146.445	Emergency Net
MON	9:00 PM	146.670	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)
MON	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Net
TUE	9:00 AM	50.160	6 Mtr. 2 nd shifter's Net
TUE	7:00 PM	442.200	General Racine N9OEZ repeater
TUE	8:00 PM	144.250	Badger Contesters (SSB)
TUE	8:00 PM	7.035	A..F.A.R. Net (CW)
WED	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.) (SSB)
THU	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Interest Net
THU	9:00 PM	146.910	Computer Net
FRI	8:45 PM	28.490	W9RH 10 meter MRAC Station Net (SSB)
FRI	9:15 PM	147.045	W9RH 2 mtr. net following the 10 mtr. net
SAT	9:00 PM	146.910	Saturday Nite Fun net
SUN	8:30 AM	3.985	QCWA (Chptr. 55) (SSB)
SUN	10:00 AM	443.800	FM-38 Link to 146.88 Baraboo SWAP Net
SUN	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.) (SSB)
SUN	8:00 PM	146.910	Information Net
SUN	9:00 PM	146.910	Swap Net

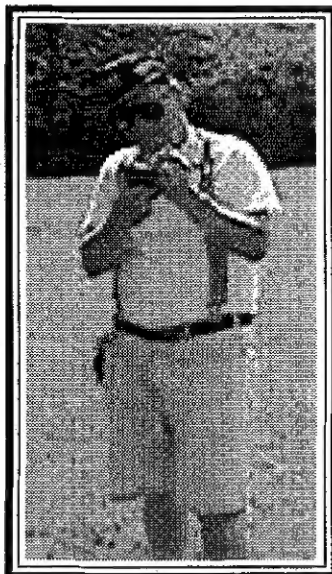
The 2 meter frequencies are -600 khz offset FM repeaters. FM38 is +5 Mhz offset, tone 114.8. The 10 meter frequencies are upper sideband (USB). If there are additions, changes, or corrections to this list, please contact: Pancho KA9OFA at 344-4694 or call 466-HAMS.

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(Computer Bulletin Board Services)

Digital Ham Shack AES 358-3472
 node 1 ----- 251-1106
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Editor's Notes



Your Editor

Pancho



MRAC VEC

FCC HAM RADIO EXAMS

Second Sat. of Each Month

1:00 - 3:00 pm
 Wauwatosa Savings Bank
 6560 S. 27th St.
Oak Creek, WI

Last Sat. of Each Month

9:30 A.M. - Noon
 Amateur Electronics Supply
 5700 W. Good Hope Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

You will not be permitted to take the exam without these items:

- 1) Your original license (if you have one) and a photocopy of it.
- 2) Any CSCE's you may have (and a photocopy of each).
- 3) Two forms of identification (examples: driver's license and social security card)
- 4) **\$6.35 (exam fee).**

Walk-ins welcome, but pre-registration is encouraged if possible. To register in advance, send a post card on which you have printed the grade of license for which you are applying, your name, address and telephone number to:

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
P.O. Box 25707
Milwaukee, WI 53225
 For more information call:
466-HAMS

If you have questions about a new license or upgrade, you may call the FCC at:

1-888-225-5322

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Christmas Party

Repeater

Newsletter and Mailings

Mailing List/Roster

Anyone have ideas for any other committees? Just let me or any other officer know. By the way, without volunteers, I guess the President just may have to use his power to appoint.

By the way, between passing the hat at the June meeting and the Board's actions, MRAC and its members have donated \$100 (I still need to hand over the check) toward equipping the soon-to-be communications van of the Southeastern Wisconsin Amateur Radio Emergency Service. On behalf of ARES, and as President of MRAC I wish to thank all MRAC members who have contributed (and ask ARES that maybe we could have the keys to the van sometime?). They will also be in need of manpower to do some of the renovation work on the truck once they take possession. Anyone interested contact John Leekly WB9SMM.

More Ramblings

MRAC is a general ham club. We are not a repeater club, a contest

club, a DX club, nor are we an old folks club. We are the oldest continuously operating amateur radio club in the World. The club was formed in 1917 and became affiliated with ARRL in 1919. A few other clubs started around when we did, but many shut down during the 2 world wars, MRAC did not. Of those other clubs, none are currently operating. MRAC is. Any club with that kind of history is bound to have members who have been around a while. In the last few years we have been getting some new younger members into the club, but we could use more. One problem the club has is its image. The only talk heard about the club is that it is all those old guys. Lets talk about the things we do (after all, PR is every member's responsibility)...

1. MRAC is a VEC - Volunteer Examiner Coordinator, not just examiners. The VEC is the group who takes responsibility (with the FCC) for testing. There are only 15 VEC in the entire U.S. MRAC is one. This plus we conduct exam sessions ourselves at least twice monthly (except the summer months).

2. We participate in field day. We

do not ring up a big score, but we try to help people who are new to HF operating (or even operating in general) to get their feet wet.

3. We have a repeater. No it does not have great coverage or all the bells and whistles. It also does not cost us much.

4. We publish 11 newsletters of 8 or more pages yearly.

5. We have both HF and VHF roundtable nets.

6. We have weekly breakfasts.

7. We have 11 monthly meetings with non-business programs at most (and attendance approaching 50). Refreshments included.

8. We have monthly raffles of surplus equipment (how's that for a description) at meetings.

9. We have an annual, catered Christmas party.

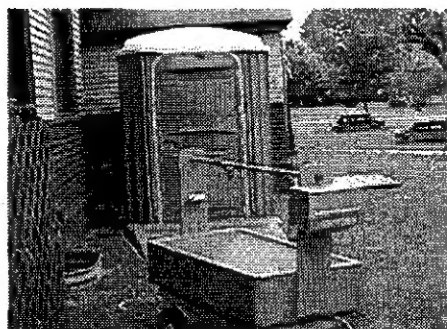
10. While currently being re-organized, we have conducted license classes for all grades of licenses including code for over 20 years with over 500 people attending.

I probably missed some things, but you get the idea. How many other clubs can say the same?

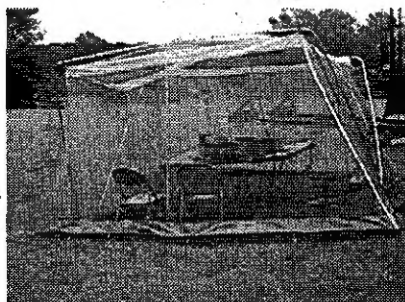
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Dave DeFebo - WB9BWP

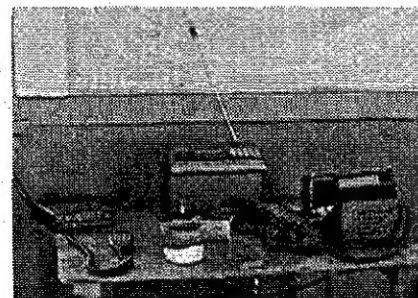
Field Day Pictures



A couple of our "modern" facilities for Field Day



Our field Day CW installation at Pioneer Village in Cedarburg - June, '98.



Our 2 meter setup for Field day.

MRAC Board Meeting - 7/27/98

The meeting was held at Matt's QTH and all directors were present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

The previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report -- Liquid assets \$3457.06 Total \$9457.06 All bills are paid.

Field Day costs were approx. \$300.00 not including the john. The \$300 did include the new dipole antenna and all the food.

The next board meeting will be at Jerry's QTH at 5111 N. 70th Street. The Sept. meeting will be at Dave's QTH.

Dave -- "I officially welcome all the new members to the board", Mark Bye has been appointed by me to replace Matt's director position since Matt has been elected as the club's new 1st V.P. Matt had 1 year to go on his 2 year term as a director.

VEC news from ED --- Ed reports that he had a nice time at the National Conference of VEC's -- No major changes have been discussed by the FCC in regard to CW or eliminating the Novice license class. 9 people from the FCC came to the meeting. The main thing they would like the VE's to introduce is the new universal license forms that will take the place of the present 610 form. The FCC has 45 different forms now and would like to reduce the number to 10 or so. The universal form has some problems as of now, they wanted to use our So-

cial Security number instead of birthday, however this brought on a lot of flak and no decision has been made. The universal form also has no space for a Doctor's Waiver in the case of a handicapped person applying for a CW waver. So much needs to be done before the new form can be put into use.

Ed says that while he is on the subject, he needs much more help with the VE program. Some of the present VE's would like to drop out of the program. The expenses for the VE program are paid from the MRAC VE fund which gets its money from testing fees. The NCVEC also has a fund that pays the majority of the VEC's trip cost to the conference. Our VE fund paid approx. \$200 for Ed's trip to the Conference.

Field Day -- Jerry KC9EV our Field Day Chairman this year made a motion to donate \$100 to Pioneer Village for the use of their property and the motion was approved by the Board.

Jerry also would like to thank the members who came in some way. Perhaps with a club hat or T-shirt. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

Jerry also requested that the club purchase some tables and chairs for Field Day and any other events, 2 tables and 8 chairs. \$200 was voted in by the board to cover the expense. Jerry will store the tables for now.

Jerry also thought that we should ask Fred if we could install a permanent rope in the trees for our antennas. The rest of the group thought that this is not in the spirit of Field Day to have the site prepared in advance. Jerry also has 3 sections of tower that he will donate to the club for Field Day.

Food at the meetings. Dave -- We need a committee to get several volunteers lined up to bring the soda and donuts to the meeting. This way no-one is stuck with doing it all the time and in case someone can't make it we have an alternate to handle it.

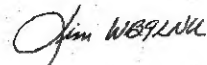
Pancho -- Progress is being made on our new format for the the 'Chatter'.

Dave -- The club collected \$35 when the box was passed for donations to help the AREC purchase radio's for their new emergency truck. The AREC also asked if they could use our repeater as a back-up for theirs. Assuming ours is working from its new location someday.

Dave passed out a copy of a proposal by the ARRL to simplify our present license structure and Dave would like the Board to discuss the proposal at the next meeting and send the results of our discussion to the ARRL.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim - WB9LNU,
Secretary

MRAC Club Meeting 7/30/98

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with minor changes.

Treasurers report -- \$9258.06 in total assets.

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

Dave read the results of Field Day. See separate section on Field Day results in the Chatter.

Jerry KC9EV thanked everyone who participated in Field Day for the nice job they did and said it was a very enjoyable experience.

Dave thanked Jack W9JK for being our VEC for many years and called on Ed, our new VEC to tell about his trip to the National VEC conference. See the write up on Ed's trip in the Board meeting minutes.

Ed also said that he is looking into buying Gordon West General Class question pool manuals to sell to interested club members at cost

and with no tax.

Matt Planning had to get the food and drinks for the meeting because no-one was available to do it. Dave asked that a committee be formed to find volunteers so the same person doesn't always have to provide the refreshments.

Dave passed out an ARRL questionnaire and explained what was on it. He is looking for feedback from the members on the ARRL proposal to reduce the code requirement and eliminate the Novice class license. The ARRL wants to change the structure of the classes of license. This is just a preliminary idea in case the FCC should decide to go along with a similar program that is being considered in England, Canada, France and Germany.

Harry Cieszki visiting from Florida says "I've been here for a month and no-one except Jim WB9LNU

has been on the repeater! How come???

Dave -- I am still looking for a Treasurer to replace Ken. Is there anyone who would like to volunteer for the position. Mark Bye has been appointed to fill the vacant spot of director since Matt Planning has just been elected to the 1st V.P. position.

Dave -- I have a zip code map showing the location of the club members if anyone would like to see it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

The program for the evening was on AMSAT and other satellites in orbit and how to find them. Also what is to come with Phase 3D etc.: By Gary Bargholz - N9UUR. Gary is the AMSAT area 9 coordinator.

Jim WB9LNU

Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

Federal Communications Commission "Proposed Rule Making"

Federal Communications Commission

Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

WT docket No. 98-143

1998 Biennial Regulatory Review
Amendment of Part 97 of the
Commission's Amateur Service
Rules.

NOTICE OF **PROPOSED** RULE MAKING

Adopted: July 29, 1998

Released: Aug. 10, 1998

Comment Date: December 1, 1998

Reply Comment Date: Jan. 15, '99.

By the Commission: Commissioner Furchtgott-Rogh issuing a statement.

CONCLUSION

32. In view of the foregoing, we propose:

- (1) to phase out the Novice Class operator license (current licensees grandfathered) and the Technician Plus operator license;
- (2) to authorize Advanced Class operators to prepare and administer examinations for the General Class operator license; and
- (3) to sunset RACES station licenses by not issuing any license renewals.

We invite comments of the amateur community with respect to improving our enforcement processes as they relate to amateur radio. We also invite comments regarding the specific telegraphy speed requirements for the various license classes and on ways to streamline and improve the operator examinations. The views of interested parties on these proposals are invited.

The proposed rules which are appended hereto are intended to simplify and streamline the regulations that govern the Amateur Radio Service.

The End

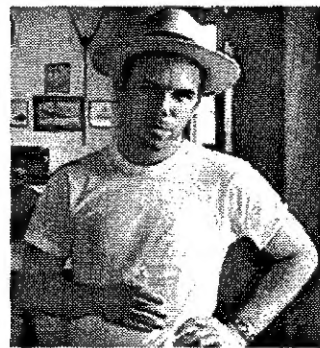
History Buff

I want to thank Dick, - WB9PTC for the pictures he has donated to the history files of Field Day at the old Nike site. The pictures were taken when the buildings were still standing. With Dick are George Philbert, Ted Stiller and Dick Schlatterer.

Also thanks to Lester - W9UPM for the original announcement of the clubs 14th annual stag QSO Party held at the Milwaukee Athletic Club, May 15, 1937. It was coordinated by Charle Meyer W9GVL. The dinner ticket sold for \$2.25 at the door and \$2.00 in advance. Just prior to the party, the U.S. Naval Communications reserve put on a recruiting party. The Navy was looking for a quota of 280 Wisconsin radio operators. To qualify you must be between 17 and 35, a licensed amateur or can copy 16 WPM and must be physically fit. The

following was listed as advantages of joining the reserve. Two weeks cruising duty with pay, on a naval ship. Pay on all active training duty under orders. Training in naval radio and naval customs. Opportunity to operate on exclusive naval frequencies. Opportunity to wear the regulation Navy uniform. Enlistment forms were mailed along with the MRAC QSO Party registration form. The actual enlistment was held at the U.S. Navy Recruiting office in the Main Post Office building. A Navy self addressed envelope was included with the Navy flier if you wanted to give advanced notice that you were planning to enlist. The Navy estimated that there were 1200 licensed amateurs available in Wisconsin at this time.

Jim - WB9LNU



*Our new 1st VP at Field Day '98
Matt Planning - KB9PRC*



*Our Star 2 meter operator for
Field Day '98
Jacki Bye - KB9LDW*

WA9CFA Silent Key at 73

Les - WA9CFA Silent Key. A life long friend became a silent key Tuesday, August 18 - Lester Moldenhauer, WA9CFA. Les and I go back sixty years - to 1938. He was in the junior high school Radio Club. We studied code and Ohm's Law together.

After school we for years traveled the same path. In 1942 we both got jobs at Cutler Hammer and then in 1943 joined the Navy. After WWII we found one another again and in 1946 he helped put up a 60-foot TV antenna to receive WBKB Chicago Channel One. Les was best man at

my wedding and later I returned the favor at his wedding. He worked at Cutler Hammer for forty-five years and retired as a maintenance electrician and storekeeper.

Les was a true life long friend. He was always willing to help at the drop of a hat. In 60 years we didn't have a single disagreement or cross word. There was much laughter and fun. I will miss you brother but I am sure I will see you again upstairs.

73, Les

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Ed Wille W9PWG

Testing to Resume

Testing Schedule resumes on Sat. - Aug. 29 at 9:30 am at Amateur Electronics Supply at 5710 W Good Hope Rd.

Another Net

A "Six Meters Second Shifters Net" meets on 50.160 MHz Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am.

73,

Rick WB9GYT

HAM CLUB ACTIVITIES

CQ Third Tuesday

11:00 am
Old Country Buffet
164th and Bluemound

Y'all come(!) to the **MRAC HAM BREAKFAST** every Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. at **Maxim's Restaurant** 18025 W. Capitol Dr. (a bit west of Calhoun). Prices are reasonable, the food good, and the company excellent.

First Friday Fish Fry

Serb Hall at 51st and Oklahoma Ave. Call: Warren - K9IZV on the 146.91 - offset for reservations by Noon on that FRI.

W9RH-10 & 2 METER NETs

W9RH Ten Meter Net 8:45 PM at 28.490 MHz. SSB Friday evenings at 9:15 2 meter FM repeater at 147.045 + offset. We'd like to meet you there.

CLUB MEETINGS

Menomonee Falls Amateur Club

Last Wed of the month
Doors open @ 7:00 p.m. Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.
Bank One Bldg. @
Pilgrim Rd. and Mequon Rd.
Germantown, WI

CLUB MEETINGS continued

Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club

Last Thursday of the month 7:30 p.m.
Redemption Lutheran Church
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

Miller Valley Radio Amateur Club

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
at 703 N. 39th St.,
just north of (and almost under)
the Wis. Ave. viaduct.
For info contact: Art - WA9AWJ
(found daily on the 146.91 repeater).

Ozaukee Radio Club

Second Wed. of each month
7:30 p.m.
Grafton Multipurpose Senior Center
Grafton, WI

South Milwaukee Amateur Radio Club

First Wednesday of each month
American Legion Post 434
9327 S. Sheppard Ave
Oak Creek, WI
Auction at March & October mtgs.

West Allis Radio Amateur Club

Meets the second Tuesday of each month
at 8:00 p.m.
At St. Peter's Episcopal Church
7929 W. Lincoln Ave.
West Allis, WI

NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS

Articles and information for the newsletter should be received by the editor no later than the first of the month of publication. If received after the first of the month, its inclusion in that month's edition cannot be guaranteed. Your cooperation is appreciated.

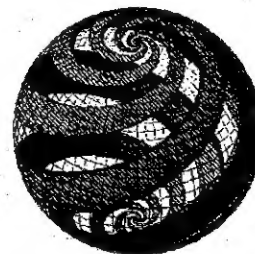
Please mail submissions to:

HamateurChatter

Pancho Doneis - KA9OFA
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Milwaukee, WI 53208

Thanks to our news contributors this month:

WB9BWP WB9LNU KB9PRC
KB9LDX N9NRS W9PWG



Our People

Tony Schemeck - AA9PC

Tony Schemeck - AA9PC, Ex-WA9OKB is moving to Denver, CO. He's already sold his house, etc. he will be moving very soon.

Annual 10/10 Picnic

Dick Schlatterer - KA9MTY and his wife, Shirley hosted the Annual 10/10 Picnic at their QTH on Sunday - August 16. There were about 10 in attendance. They had good weather and a good time was had by all.

Note!

We need someone to run the Birthday column (check out data and proofread it).

Anyone interested, please contact me (Pancho @ 344-4694 or

Email me at: pancho@thepark.net).

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147.045 MHz + offset

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Upcoming Events

* Indicates VE Testing

WOODSTOCK '98 HAMFEST

SUN.-AUG. 30, 1998

McHenry Cty. Fairgrounds

Woodstock, IL

T/I on 146.52 simp

Hayward's 4th Annual *

AMATEUR RADIO & COMPUTER SHOW

SAT. - SEPT. 5, 1998

Hayward National Guard Armory

Hayward, WI

T/I on 147.255 pl

HAMFEST '98 *

SUN. - SEPT. 13, 1998

Inwood Recreation Center

Joliet IL

T/I 147.33+rprr.

224.54 -rprr. or

146.82- repeater

Send Fliers or info to:

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or Phone: (414) 344-4694 or

pancho@thepark.net

PEORIA SUPERFEST '98 *

SAT. & SUN.-SEPT. 19 & 20

Exposition Gardens

Peoria, IL

T/I on 147.075+ repeater

RADIO EXPO 98 *

SAT & SUN - SEP. 26 & 27, 1998

Lake County Fairgrounds

Grayslake, IL

T/I on 146.16/76 rprr. (108.2Hz PL)

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MACOMB HAMFEST-COMPUTERFEST

SUN.-NOV. 1, 1998

National Guard Armory

Macomb, IL

T/I on 147.060/147.660 &

444.3000/449.30 rprrs

FRIENDLYFEST '98 *

SAT. NOV 7, 1998

Waukesha County Expo Center

Waukesha, WI

T/I on 146.91- (127.3 PL)

AND 146.52 SIMP

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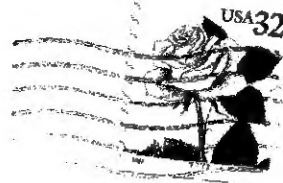


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Next Meeting
Sep. 24, 1998



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